

Amendment Dated June 29, 2005
Response to Office Action Dated 03/29/05

Application No. 10/008,265
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REMARKS

Claims 1-41 are pending with the response to this Office Action. Claims 1-7, 10-19, and 21-41 are rejected. Claims 8, 9, and 20 are allowed.

In a preliminary amendment filed on October 28, 2002, the Applicant requested that the title be amended to "CREATING CHAT ROOMS WITH MULTIPLE ROLES FOR MULTIPLE PARTICIPANTS".

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the telephonic discussion on April 15, 2005. The Examiner verified that both the present patent application and U.S. Patent No. 6,073,127 were owned by Indeliq, Inc. at the time of the invention. Thus, U.S. Patent No. 6,073,127 cannot be considered prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c).

Objections to Claims

Claims 24-30 and 32-41 are objected to, by the Office Action, because the following terms lack antecedent basis:

(i) claims 24-29 and 32-38: "the production information"

(ii) claim 29: "the presented information".

Regarding objection (i), the Applicant has amended claim 23 to replace "integrating the production information" with "integrating a production information." This amendment establishes a proper antecedent basis for "the production information" in claims 24-29. Also, the Applicant has amended claim 32 to replace "logic that integrates the production information" with "logic that integrates a production information" to establish a proper antecedent basis for claim 32. The Applicant has amended claim 33 to replace "the production information" with "a production information." This amendment establishes a proper antecedent basis for claims 33-38.

Regarding objection (ii), "the presented information" does not appear in claim 29. However, "the presented information" does appear in claims 30 and 40. The Applicant has replaced "the presented information" with "a presented information" in claims 30 and 40 to establish a proper antecedent basis.

The Applicant requests withdrawal of the objections to claims 24-30 and 32-41.

Claims Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-3, 10, 12-15, 21, 23-25, 27, 29-35, 37, and 39-41 are rejected by the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by US 6,073,127 (Lannert). The

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Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include the claim to include the feature of "providing at least one user with feedback from at least one other user, wherein the feedback is designed to assist the at least one user to achieve the goal, and wherein the feedback is based on overall progress and on at least one aspect of a specific response by the at least one user." (Emphasis added.) The amendment is supported by the specification as originally filed. For example, the patent application discloses (Page 193, lines 2-8. Emphasis added.):

Feedback, similar to the questions and responses described above, may be delivered in various forms of multimedia including without limitation, text, audio, video, animation, virtual reality and real-time audio and video. The necessary feedback required is calculated by a combination of factors such as student's overall progress through the simulation and various aspects of student's specific response to the question including: correctness as objectively compared to the prerecorded responses; voice volume, speed and stress levels; other aspects. A degree of correctness or a congruency factor is determined from these functions.

Lannert fails to teach or even suggest this feature.

Similarly, the Applicant has amended claim 12 to include "logic that provides feedback to at least one user from at least one other user, wherein the feedback is designed to assist the at least one user to achieve the goal, and wherein the feedback is based on overall progress and on at least one aspect of a specific response by the at least one user. The Applicant has amended claim 13 to include "a code segment that provides feedback to at least one user from at least one other user, wherein the feedback is designed to assist the at least one user to achieve the goal, and wherein the feedback is based on overall progress and on at least one aspect of a specific response by the at least one user." Claim 23, as amended, includes the feature of "evaluating progress toward the goal based on aspects of the production system utilizing the system dynamics engine, anticipated results and providing feedback that further motivates accomplishment of the goal, wherein the feedback is based on overall progress and on at least one aspect of a specific response by at least one user." Claim 32, as amended, includes "logic that evaluates progress toward the goal based on aspects of the production system utilizing the system dynamics engine, anticipated results and providing feedback that further motivates accomplishment of the goal, wherein the feedback is based on overall progress and on at least one aspect of a specific response by at least one user." The Applicant has also amended claim 33 to include "code that evaluates progress toward the goal on aspects of the production system utilizing the system dynamics engine, anticipated results and providing feedback that further

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motivates accomplishment of the goal, and wherein the feedback is based on overall progress and on at least one aspect of a specific response by at least one user." Lannert fails to teach or even suggest the above features. Also, claims 2-3, 10, 14-15, 21, 22, 24-25, 27, 29-31, 34-35, 37, and 39-41 ultimately depend from independent claims 1, 13, 23, and 33. Thus, the Applicant requests reconsideration of claims 1-3, 10, 12-15, 21, 23-25, 27, 29-35, 37, and 39-41.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 4-7, 11, 16-19, 22, 26, 28, 36, and 38 are rejected by the Office Action as allegedly being unpatentable over US 6,073,127 (Lannert). The assignee of US 6,073,127 was Indeliq, Inc. at the time of the invention. Because the present patent application and US 6,073,127 were commonly owned at the time of the invention, Lannert is not prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c). Thus, claims 4-7, 11, 16-19, 22, 26, 28, 36, and 38 are patentable. The Applicant requests reconsideration.

Allowable Subject Matter

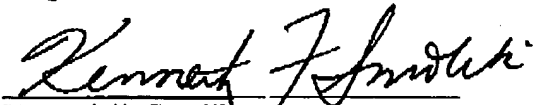
Claims 8-9 and 20 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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